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**Navajo Nation garners \$3 million return on agriculture insurance investment**



**PHOTO:** Navajo Nation Vice President Myron Lizer, Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture and CKP Insurance, LLC officials in Phoenix, Ariz. on Feb. 10, 2022.

**PHOENIX, Ariz.** — Navajo Nation Vice President Myron Lizer and officials with the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture met with CKP Insurance, LLC agency principal Chuck Hemphill in Phoenix, Ariz. on Thursday, to mark the successful return on the Navajo Nation’s investment in agricultural insurance coverage.

The Department of Agriculture applied for the insurance coverage through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Insurance Program. The Navajo Nation adopted the Síhasin Fund Pasture Rangeland and Forage Expenditure Plan in 2016, which reserved \$20 million from the Nation’s Síhasin Fund for insurance premiums to the USDA through CKP Insurance, LLC.

The latest return totals approximately \$3.3 million, which helps to fund the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Programs that are administered by the Navajo Nation Department of

Agriculture, in coordination with the Division of Community Development, to support Navajo livestock owners, farmers, and agriculture users.

“The Navajo Nation continues to garner financial support from the USDA. The funding will continue to be utilized for grazing and agriculture assistance for Navajo people. I am confident with the Navajo Nation’s Department of Agriculture’s implementation of the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund to support and enhance food sustainability, the agriculture economy, land management and much more. The indemnity will continue to provide the great catch-up for the Navajo Nation to prioritize the agricultural land, livestock and water for years to come,” said Vice President Lizer.

The Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Programs include the Agriculture Conservation Corps, Livestock Management, Livestock Management Incentive, and the Farm and Garden Incentive.

“We continue to pray for moisture for our lands, livestock, and our people. Water is life. We have to anticipate drought conditions and we must continue to do more to prepare for the future. With the current funding that is available, we encourage our Navajo farmers and livestock owners to use the funds for immediate needs and to prepare for the coming summer season,” stated Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

For more information about the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Programs, please visit the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture’s website at <https://www.agriculture.navajo-nsn.gov/#> or by calling (928) 871-6605.

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